compared to the target to be achieved by 1990, are as follows:—

Category of Centre	Coverage Criteria	Percentage coverage as per targets fixed for 1990
Sub-Centres	1 for every 3000—5000 population	86
Primary Health Centre	1 for every 20000—30000 population	78
Community Health Centres	1 for every 1 lakh to 1.2 lakh population.	54

By 1990,103% c >v;ragc of sub-centres and Primary Health Centre is likely to be adri« ved.

P urchase of MK-428 Anti-submarine Warfare Helicopters

3222. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY :
SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH :
SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE b e pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that India has given their acceptance for the purchase of MK-42B Anti submarine Warfare (ASW) helicop ters for Naval carrier "Viraat" ;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard ;

(c) what is the total cost of MK-42B's being purchased by the Indian Government and to what extent it will be better than sea king helicopters:

(d) whether it is also a fact that its performance is not upto the standard ; and

(e) if so, what action Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTA-MANI PANIGRAHI) : (a) to (e) Mark42B helicopters, being acquired for the Indian Navy, are modern anti-submarine helicopters which can also be armed with anti-ship missiles. The helicopters are being accepted after trials and it is ensured that they conform to the specified standards. Further details cannot be divulged for reasons of national s ecurity.

Warning against use of Drugs con-taining AIDS Virus

@ 3222-A. SHRI MUKHT1AR SINGH MALIK : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whethei it is a fact that the Drug Com roller of India has recently cautioned hospitals and doctors against the use of two drugs manu factured by a Bombay firm as there were indications that they contained the AIDS virus as reported in the Indian Express of 11th February, 1989 ;

(b) if so, whether any action has been taken by Government against the manufacturers of these drugs ; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

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